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1. We have noted, in a recent review of his BOB file, that documents relating to LCCASSCCK-4's cover employment with. USBER are incomplete. We have considerable material on his history up to March 1948 (CIC rejerts transmitted under MGBA-2001, 12 December 1950) and fairly complete personal and operational data going back to Movember 1950, including correspondence on his REDCAP period and his introduction into LCCASSOCK. Unfortunately in this material we have been unable to find maything definite on the origin of is cover employment with USBER. In the PRQ Part I data transmitted with MGBA-7238, 16 November 1950, it is briefly noted (Item 10) that his "present occupation" is that of chief investigator ith HICOS (presently USBUR) and that that employment dates from June 1950 (Item 29). Beyond this, we have no information as to how and under what circumstances the job originated, e.g., the question of reimbursable payment of his salary by KUBARK.

- 2. In the past year we have briefly contacted USBER officials on two occasions with regard to LCCASSOCK-4's overt employment (his current title is investigator in the Economic Affairs Division of USBER) -- the first time, to get USBER to certify his need for a telephone in his home; the second time, in connection with a routine check by USBER Security Division of all USBER employees. To date we had no complaints from USBER regarding his status. LCCASSOCK-4 continues to draw his monthly solary from them, maintains in office in the USBER building, but works full-time for LCCASSOCK. Thus far the link between LCCASSOCK and USBER (i.e., between the overt and covert aspects of LCCASSOCK-4's employment) has not affected LCCASSOCK or USBER security disadvantageously. LCCASSOCK-4 does not use the title, prerogatives or facilities of his USBER job in any way in connection with his LCCASSOCK duties.
- 3. Although USBER employment seems up to now to have worked out satistactorily as a cover for LCCASSOCK-4's work for LCCASSOCK, and although USBER has not objected to the arrangement, we are inclined to agree with the long dormant view (see EGQA-29709, 20 November 1953) that this is, in the long run, an operationally undesirable situation. The chance

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that USBER and LCCASSOCK will be limited up through the person of LCCASSOCK-4 in some future hostile provocation or attack on LCCASSOCK cannot disregarded. However, in view of the rather uncertain future of the LCCASSOCK project and LCCASSOCK-4's role therein (particularly in the right of the very tight (FY 1960) salary picture) we would prefer and, indeed, we would seem to have no alternative but to suspend for the time ocing the otherwise logical step of transferring him to the LCCASSOCK payroll. It is quite possible that, because of the sharp cutback in LCCASSOCK project personne: which will be required under the FY 1960 budget, we will be unable to accommodate his salary payment under the project. If it comes to a dissolution of the LCCASSOCK project per se, we might still want to retain his services, possibly under independent or other project cover (we are thinking here of his possible use as a "P/A" over salvageable LCCASSOCK distribution assets, including limison with the Bundespost). This is purely speculative at the moment, but it is a possibility which appears tangible enough to justify our hestitation as to a suitable alternative to the USBER cover employment.

4. Pending a satisfactory resolution of the question of LCCASSCCK-4's future AUBARK employment, but in anticipation of a termination of the present USBER cover arrangement within the coming months, we would appreciate your forwarding to us any information available in Headquarters files on the origin of the USBER employment. We would also like to know whether KUBARK is still reimbursing LCCASSOCK-4's salary to the Department.

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